

# Advent DEVOTIONAL CALENDAR 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>DECEMBER 1</p> <p>Hope</p> <p>All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 2</p> <p>I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.</p> <p><i>R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Ps. 122:1-2</i></p>	<p>DECEMBER 3</p> <p>"Advent should be a time to immerse yourself in your faith and learn from the saints how to return to the beginning."</p> <p><i>- Bishop Robert Barron</i></p>	<p>DECEMBER 4</p> <p>Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 5</p> <p>God our Father, your word tells us hope abides. Sometimes I find myself failing. In my humanity, I have moments of weakness and take my spiritual eyes off the path of hope you have paved for me. Restore my hope in those moments. Declutter that which distracts me from keeping my faith, focus and purpose alive. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 6</p> <p>Come to me, Lord, in the midst of my calm and my chaos. Renew and refresh my soul during this season of Advent with the waters of peace, grace, and mercy. I proclaim my love for you today and always. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 7</p> <p>We can't live without hope. But hope doesn't really start with us; it starts with God. He is the one who promises to always love us, never leave us, be strong when we are weak, provide direction when we are lost and wisdom whenever we ask for it. Our hope has to be in Him, the author of hope."</p> <p><i>- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta</i></p>	
<p>DECEMBER 8</p> <p>Peace</p> <p>Mother of God, you call us to say "yes" to God's call, as you did, in spite of our fears, in spite of our hesitations and in spite of who society tells us is or is not deserving of our service. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 9</p> <p>"We don't have to pretend that we are living before Jesus. We are not waiting for Jesus to come into the world, what we are waiting for is for Jesus to come into certain areas of my life, and my world, and my heart. That's what we're waiting for."</p> <p><i>- Fr. Mike Schmitz</i></p>	<p>DECEMBER 10</p> <p>"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."</p> <p><i>- Henri Nouwen</i></p>	<p>DECEMBER 11</p> <p>Good and Gracious God, let me echo the gospel in the things that I do, the things that I say, and the breath that I breathe. Let me live and be love. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 12</p> <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe, May you wrap me in your love, too, so that I might grow in the same courage and hope as Juan Diego to seek Christ and love others in this life. And may you guide me closer to your Son, so that I might more fully love Him as you do. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 13</p> <p>Dear Heavenly Father, Help me to hear your voice in the midst of chaos and confusion. Touch my heart with gladness that I can only find in you. Give me the courage to embrace the joy of this season in preparation of the birth of Your, Son Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 14</p> <p>"We can't live without hope. But hope doesn't really start with us; it starts with God. He is the one who promises to always love us, never leave us, be strong when we are weak, provide direction when we are lost and wisdom whenever we ask for it. Our hope has to be in Him, the author of hope."</p> <p><i>- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta</i></p>	
<p>DECEMBER 15</p> <p>Joy</p> <p>God of hope, fill me with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit I may abound in hope. God, help me not to lose heart, even when it feels like I'm wasting away. Remind me that inwardly I'm being renewed day by day. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 16</p> <p>"Comfort is an enemy of faith and mission. Go out into the world and astonish people with your willingness to sacrifice so others can live better lives."</p> <p><i>- Matthew Kelly</i></p>	<p>DECEMBER 17</p> <p>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.</p> <p>Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery. Christ is on His way to make a way!</p>	<p>DECEMBER 18</p> <p>All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 19</p> <p>Jesus, as the days draw closer to the celebration of your birth, fill my home and my heart with the True Spirit that is You, the Light of the World. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 20</p> <p>Lord, let me not get too wrapped up in the Christmas shopping chaos or thoughts that weaken my hope and my happiness. Instead, let me be reminded that your life-giving hope of your birth is the centerpiece of this season. Jesus, I wait for you. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 21</p> <p>The wise men followed the star and found Christ who is Light from Light. God had called you out of darkness into His wonderful Light. May you experience the Light that is love, faith and hope. Amen.</p>	
<p>DECEMBER 22</p> <p>Love</p> <p>And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."</p> <p><i>- Luke 2:10-11</i></p>	<p>DECEMBER 23</p> <p>Lord, I am getting ready, but I am tired. I am wrapping bows and tying presents and all the other things to make this Christmas wonderful for my family. Mother Mary, Undoer of Knots, walk alongside me, hold my hand these days to place my deepest focus in prayer and petition, joy and peace for your Precious Son, Jesus. Amen.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 24</p> <p>"And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."</p> <p><i>- Luke 2: 12-14</i></p>	<p>DECEMBER 25</p> 	<p><b>Catholic Charities</b> ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON</p> <p><b>OUR MISSION:</b> Guided by God's love, Catholic Charities helps people in southeast Texas by providing caring, compassionate services and advocating for social justice in collaboration with parishes and communities.</p> <p><b>CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:</b> 2900 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77006 Main: 713-526-4611 • <a href="http://www.CatholicCharities.org">www.CatholicCharities.org</a></p>			<p>People of Faith. Helping People in Need.</p>   